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SUBJ: UNEP: GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 19 AM SESSION

SUMMARY: CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 9 BEGAN IN PLENARY
WITH INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT BY UNEP SECRETARIAT
FOLLOWED BY STATEMENTS BY CANADA, ITALY, FRG, CENTRAL
AFRICAN REPUBLIC, NETHERLANDS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, JAMACIA,
KENYA, UK, FRANCE, BRAZIL, SWEDEN AND US
HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW. NO ACTION REQUIRED. END SUMMARY.

1. INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT BY UNEP SECRETARIAT CALLED
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ATTENTION TO THE THREE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE GC/6. GC/6/ ADD 1 AND GC/6/ L2. REQUESTED GOVERNING COUNCIL TO FORMULATE COMMENTS ON DOCUMENT GC/6 IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 3001 OF THE XXVII GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE NEED TO REPORT THROUGH ECOSOC TO XXIX ON THE QUESTION OF FUNDING FOR THE CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

2. CANADA - ENDORSED THE OBJECTIVES OF THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS CONFERENCE CONTAINED IN PARA 13 GC/6 AND THE THEMES EXPRESSED IN GC/ L2. VOLUNTEERED A SENIOR CANADIAN TO WORK WITH THE UN OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO PREPARE MATERIAL FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. ENDORSED PARAS 14 TO 25 OF GC/6 REGARDING THE ORGANIZATION OF PREPARATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE. PROPOSED THAT THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE BE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE GC SO AS TO MAINTAIN LINK WITH UNEP. SUPPORTED GC/6 ADD 1 WITH COMMENT THAT FUNDS SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS. PREPARED A ROUGH WORKING PAPER OF ACTION ITEMS THAT THE GC MAY WISH TO USE IN ITS REPORT PREPARATION. THIS PAPER WAS CIRCULATED TO THE DELEGATION AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT.

3. ITALY - SECONDED CANADA'S PROPOSALS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS. SUGGESTED THAT SOME ELABORATION IS REQUIRED REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO BE EXPECTED FROM UNEP. READ MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON NEW TOWNS NOW TAKING PLACE IN LONDON WHICH SUPPORTS THE CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

4. FRG - SUPPORTED THE CONFERENCE/ EXPOSITION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS BUT ASKED QUESTION ABOUT TOTAL COST AND WHAT HAPPENS TO EXPOSITION AFTERWARDS. OFFERED THREE PROPOSALS REGARDING INVENTORIES OF ALL LIFE FORMS AND LIFE STYLES, REVIEW OF CURRENT EXPERIMENTS AND TRANSFER OF INFORMATION MAKING MAXIMUM USE OF THE IBRS. CAUTIONED THAT PROJECTS AT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT REFLECT DOOMSDAY BUT RATHER SOLUTIONS OF THE PROBLEM.

5. CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC - EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT HARMONIZING ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. ASKED A SERIES

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OF QUESTIONS SUCH AS HOW DOES ONE PUT INTO PRACTICE, AT LOW COST, THE STANDARDS TO BE ADOPTED AT THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE; WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE VIS A VIS THE EXDIR OF UNEP, BEFORE AND AFTER THE CONFERENCE; AND WHO IS TO CARRY OUT FOLLOW- UP ACTION.

6. NETHERLANDS - REFERRED TO REMARKS REGARDING HUMAN SETTLEMENTS MADE IN OPENING STATEMENT OF ITEM 6. SUPPORTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, AND NAMING A SECRETARY FOR THE CONFERENCE. PROPOSED THAT EXISTING UN MACHINERY SHOULD BE USED AND ESPECIALLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING BE DESIGNATED AS THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE USING ITS SECRETARIAT. AGREED WITH GC/6/ ADD 1 ON THE FUNDING.

7. CZECHOSLOVAKIA - STATED IT WOULD CONSIDER PARAGRAPHS ON CONFERENCE BUT NEEDED CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN QUESTIONS FIRST. EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE PERIOD OF THREE YEARS BETWEEN NOW AND THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE IS NOT LONG ENOUGH-- TOO LITTLE TIME IS LEFT FOR PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS. SUGGESTED THAT UNEP SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON COORDINATION AMONG THE MANY UN AGENCIES WHICH DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, PROPOSED SETTING UP A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. THE SECRETARIAT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE COULD BE LOCATED IN GENEVA. GROUPS OF EXPERTS OR CONSULTANTS SHOULD BE CONVENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. PROFESSIONAL GROUPS OF EXPERTS SHOULD ALSO BE ORGANIZED TO ASSIST GOVERNMENTS IN PREPARATION OF THE CONFERENCE. SUGGESTED THAT THE BUDGET FOR THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE DECIDED BY THE GA.

8. JAMAICA - IN AGREEMENT WITH THE OBJECTIVES IN PARA 13 OF GC/6 AND WITH THE CRITERIA FOR PROJECTS CONTAINED GC/6/ L2. CALLED PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ITEM K OF L2 WHICH STATES THAT PROJECTS SHOULD BE LINKED TO AN EXISTING POLICY OR PROGRAM. QUESTIONED THE EXPENDITURE OF \$2.6 MILLION AS CONTAINED IN ITEM B OF THE PROPOSED UNCLASSIFIED

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BUDGET. WITH REGARD TO ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE, RECOMMENDED BASSIN

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THE SELECTION OF THE SECGEN ASAP REPORTING THROUGH UNEP.
FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE COULD BE A
NEW COMMITTEE OR USE THE EXISTING COMMITTEE FOR HOUSING,
BUILDING AND PLANNING. SUGGESTED A COMPROMISE WITH
REGARD TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
NAMING MEMBERS FROM BOTH THE UNEP GC AND THE COMMITTEE FOR
HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING.

9. KENYA - CONCERNED THAT NATIONS CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT
FOR THE AOYU CONFERENCE FOR ACTION. PROPOSED EARLY

ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND ON HUMAN
SETTLEMENTS AS RECOMMENDED AT STOCKHOLM. WITH REGARD TO
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CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF PROJECTS, STATED THAT PROJECTS
SHOULD OFFER SOLUTIONS BUT STANDARDS MAY BE TOO HIGH
FOR SOME COUNTRIES; PROPOSED INSTEAD THAT THE PROJECTS
SHOULD BE SELECTED ON THEIR OWN MERITS. WITH REGARD TO
FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, AGREED WITH GC/6/ ADD 1 WITH THE
RECOMMENDATION THAT PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES SHOULD
ALSO BE FUNDED TO ENGENDER ENTHUSIASM FOR PARTICIPATION

IN THE CONFERENCE. CONCURRED WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PREPARATORY COMMITTEE UNDER THE SECGEN REPORTING TO THE GA THROUGH THE EXDIR UNEP.

10. U. K. - PROPOSED THAT THE COMMITTEE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING BE USED FOR THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. CITED PRECEDENT THAT THE PREPARATIONS FOR WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE IS NOW BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION, AN ESTABLISHED UN BODY. STATED THAT THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE REPORTING TO THE GA THROUGH ECOSOC, KEEPING GC INFORMED, WAS ORIGINAL VIEW BUT WILL ACCEPT REPORTING THOROUGH EXDIR UNEP. AGREED THAT UN SHOULD APPOINT SECGEN OF THE CONFERENCE AND THAT STAFF SHOULD BE DRAWN HEAVILY FROM THE STAFF OF THE COMMITTEE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING. FELT THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE TOO TENTATIVE FOR SPECIFIC ACTION TO BE TAKEN NOW.

11. FRANCE - RECOMMENDED THAT PROJECTS SHOULD BE CHOSEN CAREFULLY WITH VIEW TOWARD JOINT PROJECTS. AGREED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. STATED THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO TAKE ACTION ON FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE BUT BELIEVED THE FIGURES IN GC/6/ ADD 1 APPEARED TOO HIGH THOUGH FRANCE SUPPORTED THE VIEW OF THE U. K. IN THIS REGARD.

12. BRAZIL - SUPPORTED THE GC/6/ L2 AND ADD 1 IN GENERAL. RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING SHOULD BE THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE REPORTING TO ECOSOC THROUGH THE GC.

13. SWEDEN - SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO THE FIRST CRITERIA APPEARING ON PAGE 7 OF DOCUMENT L2 REFLECTING THAT IN ADDITION TO PROJECTS OFFERING SOLUTIONS THAT THERE
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SHOULD BE OTHER PROJECTS WHICH MAY ONLY BE ABLE TO SHOW APPROACHES TOWARD SOLUTION. ENDORSED SECGEN CONFERENCE REPORTING THROUGH EXDIR OF UNEP. SUPPORTED CANADA WITH REGARD TO PREPARATORY COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF MEMBERS OF GC AND OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS.

14. U. S. - EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE TO SEE ANY GREAT INVOLVEMENT OF UNEP IN THE PREPARATION FOR THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF HEAVY WORKLOAD OF THE UNEP SECRETARIAT OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS ON THE TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM INCLUDING HUMAN SETTLEMENTS. AGREED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE BUT NOT WITH THE MEMBERSHIP BEING DRAWN FROM THE GC. AGREED WITH SECGEN OF THE CONFERENCE APPOINTED BY THE SECGEN OF UN REPORTING THROUGH EXDIR AND GC. AGREED WITH

FRANCE AND THE U. K. THAT A MORE DETAILED FIANANCIAL STATEMENT
SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ACTION TO BE TAKEN AT THE
NEXT MEETING OF THE GC. BASSIN

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